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The Honorable William J. Casey, Director
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Recent public reports indicate that high level government officials have allegedly listened in on or recorded telephone conversations without the knowledge or consent of all parties involved. Besides being improper and highly unethical, such activities may also be in violation of various Federal or State laws, regulations or existing tariffs, which were designed specifically to prevent such abuses from occurring. Notwithstanding the strong actions taken by the Congress over the last decade, it now appears there may be a reduced awareness by government officials as to their ethical and legal responsibilities in this area.

As you know, the General Services Administration (GSA) has promulgated regulations to ensure that these improper or illegal activities do not occur. To assist the Committee in its investigation of this matter, I request that you forward to this Committee, within 15 days, the agency instructions for implementing GSA regulation 101-37.311, including the supervisory controls required under 101-37.311-3(f). Further, I request that you provide the following documentation which is required to be maintained by your agency under 101-37.311-4. This includes: (1) all written determinations approved in 1983 by the agency head in accordance with 101-37.311-4(a); (2) all service personnel who were designated in writing during 1983 in accordance with 101-37.311-4(b); (3) all written agency policies containing the minimum instructions set forth in 101-37.311-4(b); (4) all requests to GSA for approval and installation of listening devices during 1983, and (5) a copy of the agency program required by GSA to reevaluate at least every two years the need for each determination authorizing the listening in on or recording of telephone conversations.

Your full cooperation in the Committee's investigation of this matter is greatly appreciated. With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

[Signature]
 JACK BROOKS
 Chairman

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